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THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE

The number one issue facing the new Congress — the second session of the Eighty-Fourth Congress — is the farm issue. This has been written so many times that the statement is no longer news.

However, the situation confronting the Republican Party is a delicate one, which may affect this party's chances in this year's election considerably.

In the first place, the Democrats have already pushed their ninety-per cent parity price supports bill through the House in this Congress. Last year, this bill was passed by the House, by a narrow margin, and went to the Senate. The Senate failed to act on it in 1955, but it is expected that this bill will be passed by the Senate at this session of Congress.

If and when the Senate does pass the House-passed farm bill, the Issue will be put squarely up to President Eisenhower. He will either have to veto the higher price supports bill, which Republicans say he will do, or sign it in spite of the fact that it is not the farm relief bill he favors.

If the President vetoes the bill, which is likely, he will face a most delicate situation, since the Republicans are not in the majority in Congress and will probably be unable to pass their own farm program. If this occurs, and the farmer gets no relief from this session of Congress, the mood of farmers in this country will certainly be disgruntled in November of this year. President Eisenhower, and the Republicans, will be placed on the defensive.

This is the strategy Democrats are expected to employ in this session of Congress and the fight over farm relief may be the most important issue to be fought out in the halls of Congress during this session.

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THE VALUE OF SAVING

While we pose as no experts, and are usually not too free with personal advice to our readers, we would like to suggest to readers of this newspaper that the year 1956 would be an appropriate one in which to begin, or increase, your personal savings.

National statistics show that the amount of consumer credit extended in 1955 was a record high. However, this alone should not cause alarm, since personal savings also increased. Personal savings increased as did consumer credit because American had higher wages, salaries and profits in 1955 than ever before. In addition, more money was paid out in old age benefits, and in other benefits, than ever before in our history.

Nevertheless, and in spite of the prospect for good business in 1956, every citizen should realize that every year cannot be a boom year and every year will not be a good year for all businesses. The prospect for 1956 is good, but the prospect for 1957 is slightly confused, since no one is sure which party will be in power, or who will be President, or what the international situation will be.

If individuals act prudently and save money in 1956, they will place themselves in a position to be able to survive temporarily depressed times. We are of the opinion that no major depression, like that experienced in 1930-33, will overtake Americans in the near future.

On the other hand, we do believe there will be adjustments and that those who have cash on hand, when these adjustments come, will be able to ride out the storm, or even take advantage of unusual opportunities. More than that, the saving of money gives one a feeling of independence and peace of mind, and actual security.

If you can do no more than save one per cent of your earnings per week, or per month, we suggest you make this a belated resolution in 1956 and stick to it throughout the year, and throughout your life, if it is possible.

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FLABBY YOUNGSTERS

More and more attention is being called to the fact that boys and girls in this country today are showing the effects of a lack of exercise. The increasing number of automobiles and luxury living in our country is to blame.

Moreover, our cities are growing larger, with more people living in metropolitan areas. It is a traditional fact that city living does not build the strongest body.

If your child thinks he must be driven to and from school every day, or considers it unthinkable to walk to social functions or other events, perhaps you are neglecting his or her physicial conditioning. There are health experts today who believe that children should not be hauled to school unless it is of considerable distance.

President Eisenhower is aware of the problem to such an extent that he has issued a plea for better-conditioned youth. Parents should see to it that they are not rearing flabby-muscled Americans, who will not be able to stand up to the demands of an emergency or severe adversity in time of crisis when the country most needs sturdy qualites in its citizens.

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GUIDE FOR TAXPAYERS AVAILABLE

The Bureau of Internal Revenue has published a booklet which costs twenty-five cents and which is designed to help taxpayers fill out their report forms. In addition, the Bureau has rescinded an earlier order advising agents not to fill out forms for taxpayers, except those who are illiterate, seriously handicapped or who cannot read or write English. These moves by the Bureau of Internal Revenue indicate the prevailing attitude is once again that of providing all the help it can for citizens.

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Study Tract Proves Worth Of Forest Management

A study of intensive Forest Management on a 958-acre tract which supported mixed stands of loblolly and shortleaf pine and hardwoods was started in 1937 by the U. S. Forest Service at an Experimental Forest located near Grosseti, Arkansas. The purpose of this project was to determine the possibilities of average unmanaged timber stands containing hold-overs from a cutting which took place 22 years previous. Mixed with these hold-overs were some younger stems which had seeded in since the cutting and had escaped the frequent fires which burned over the area before effective fire prevention began. The average stand contained almost as many hardwoods as pine.

At the beginning of the study a decision was reached to build up the stocking and to cut enough timber to provide some income and pay taxes and other management expenses.

All trees to be cut were marked by single-tree selection. The first cut was to be made principally from mature, poor risk, defective, and very low grade trees. In marking for additional cuttings later in the developmental period of the stand more attention was paid to merchantable length, crown quality, the grade potentialities, and spacing of the trees left for additional volume growth.

After the project had been underway for about five years it was recognized that the control of unwanted hardwoods greatly stimulated pine growth and pine reproduction. Since then where pine was present all merchantable hardwoods were sold as soon as possible and the unmerchantable trees poisoned.

In keeping cost records for the tract it was presumed that a Consulting Forester (private practicing Forester) was hired to operate the tract and that the landowner paid for all necessary cultural work and capital improvements. Over a fifteen year period, timber sales from all the 958 acre study tract have paid all management expenses and returned $4.60 per acre per year to the landowner. In addition the growing stock has been improved and its value had increased over $1.50 per acre per year. During the next fifteen years even greater returns are expected from the tract.

The cost of intensive forest management is low, in this case 82c per acre per year, and the returns are high.

Industrial Foresters, Private Foresters, and Foresters from State and Federal Agencies are anxious to help landowners with their timber management problems.

For additional information on timber management contact the Virginia Division of Forestry, Box 386, Farmville, Virginia.

TV REFUGEE DIES

Mallets Bay, Vt.- Disliking the programs on television, Edward J. LaFam, 32, went into the garage and turned on the car radio. The next morning, LaFam was found still sitting in the car dead of what is thought to be carbon monoxide poisoning.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Time will reveal everything. It is a babbler, and speaks even when not asked.
—Euripedes.

To everything there is a season, and time to every purpose under heaven.
—Ecclesiates 3:1.

Time heals what reason cannot.
—Seneca.

Time and tide wait for no man.
—English Proverb.

Those that make the best use of their time have none to spare.
—Thomas Fuller.

He that hath time, and looks for time loseth time. —William Camden

Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination.
—Lord Chesterfield.

NOT SO FUNNY

Lexington, Ky.- Two young boys could have been tickled by the after-school assignment they drew when a juvenile court official ordered them to pick up more than 100,000 feathers they had scattered breaking into a storage house. They didn't think it so funny.

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Tobacco Meetings

A series of tobacco meetings has been scheduled for this month.

At each meeting there will be a representative of the Social Security Administration to discuss filing self-employment taxes and to explain the procedure for securing benefits.

All meetings will begin at 7:30 P. M. at the following places:

Tuesday, Jan. 17.- Chambers Store, Red House—Bright Tobacco.

Wednesday, Jan. 18.- Stonewall Community Center.

Thursday, Jan. 19.- Appomattox Court House.

Friday, Jan. 20.- Spout Spring School.

Monday, Jan. 23.- Wilson Scruggs Store, Vera.

Tuesday, Jan. 24.- Pamplin School, Pamplin.

Wednesday, Jan. 25.- Joe Martin's Store, Worsham.

Thursday, Jan. 26.- R. O. Jones' Store, Chap.

All meetings, with the exception of the one on Tuesday, January 17, will be on dark-tobacco.

Steer Feeding

Hugh Henderson, Extension Animal Husbandman, will speak on the subject of "Steer Feeding, A Possible Source of Additional Income," on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 P. M., at the court house.

Tax Bulletin

A new supply of tax bulletins has been received at the County Agent's Office.

Those who have not secured a social security number should do so at an early date. Application forms are available from the county agent.

Record keeping is becoming more and more a necessity each year. Records are necessary for filing income tax returns and self-employment tax. Those desiring forms for keeping farm record accounts may obtain them from the county agent's office.

Strong Prices For Land Likely To Continue

Continued strong prices for land and adjustments toward larger sized farms are foreseen by agricultural economists at VPI.

They say it seems the offerings of farm land for sale are about keeping with the rate of turnover needed to permit farmers to make necessary adjustments in the size of their operations. As mechanization continues, an ever - increasing size of business will be needed to provide full employment for a farm family. Furthermore, if technology continues to make it possible to increase production faster than needs, the number of families needed on farms will continue to drop.

The trend toward decentralization of industry is also having an effect on farm land prices. Many plant sites have been bought in rural Virginia during the past year. Numerous others are in the offing. The effects of such developments are reflected in land values in varying degrees.

Generally the national farm real estate situation shows signs of continued optimism among farmers. More than two-thirds of the farms sold last year were bought by farmers—the highest porportion of farmer-purchases since 1952. In addition the price per acre was bid up to the all-time high recorded in 1952 and 90% of the farms and tracts of land bought by active farmers were for operation by them.

Farmers apparently are willing to obligate themselves on mortgages to buy land. Lenders are also increasing the number and size of mortgage loans. New debt recordings secured by farm real estate increased 29% during the first half of 1955. The number of loans was up 9% while the average size increased 18%. However, about 7 out of 10 farmers still have no such debts. Of the farms carrying mortgages, more than 80% have a debt of below 50% of their market value. Over half of the mortgaged farms have debts under 30% of their value.

In Virginia farm land values rose 4% between March and July, 1955, while in the nation the rise averaged 3%.

Grape Vines

Now is a good time to check the grape vines. Pruning the dead or diseased canes and knotty insect infested woods will do much to improve the vigor of grape vines and reduce disease infection.

All pruned wood, dried-up berries, dead leaves and rubbish should be collected and burned to reduce troubles next season. Sanitation will help, and a dormant spray of lime-sulphur will kill fungus spores that may affect the crop.

If many scale insects are present, a spray of 3% oil emulsion or miscible will be more effective than the lime-sulphur. Use one or the other, but not both. Oil and lime-sulphur are not compatible spray mixtures. Using both will injure the vines. Spraying should be done when the temperature is about 40 degrees F. or higher.

New Vegetable Varieties

Most seed companies have mailed their 1956 catalogues. When buying be sure to select varieties that do well under Virginia conditions. Circular 639, available at the County Agent's Office, lists the recommended varieties. Some new ones have been added this year.

Proved superior by test, varieties showing up for the first time on the recommended list for home gardeners this year include: Extra Early Egyptian beets, Dwarf Blue Curled Scotch kale (Vates strain); Bibb lettuce (buttterhead), Jumbo Hale's Best mulkmelon, Comet radishes, and San Marzano tomatoes. The San Marzano tomatoes are a paste type, good for sauces and the like. Charleston Gray watermelons are new on the list for home planting.

Proper use of vaccines is important in the control of Newcastle and bronchitis.

Diluting vaccine beyond the point recommended by the manufacturer is dangerous business when it comes to control of poultry diseases, warns Dr. E. P. Johnson, poultry pathologist at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station.

He says it has been reported that Newcastle disease and infectious bronchitis are increasing in some areas where vaccination is extensively practiced. A check showed it was a rather common practice to dilute the vaccine considerably more than what was recommended."

When this is done, Dr. Johnson says, there is no assurance that the vaccination will give the expected protection. All vaccines are prepared and tested to give adequate protection only when handled and used as recommended by the manufacturer.

Furthermore, protection may not be satisfactory if live virus vaccines are stored for too long, or where the temperature is too high.

Tobacco Plant Beds

In a few weeks many farmers in Appomattox County will begin work on tobacco plant beds. Good plants enable the grower to plant the crop on time. Generally, early planted crops are better than late crops. You will get a better stand from the first planting. The crop will be more uniform, easier to cultivate and harvest. The crop will mature earlier and be easier to cure.

When you go off your own farm to get plants there is a risk of bringing in serious diseases to your fields.

Choose a well-drained soil high in organic matter. If possible, use land that lies to the east or south and is protected from the wind. Protect the bed from overflow water by ditching. Avoid shaded areas. It will help to locate the bed near a source of clean water.

If you did not apply a chemical in the fall to control weeds, you can still do a satisfactory job by burning or using methyl bromide.

Be sure you use a fertilizer recommended for plant beds. Such fertilizers are low in chlorine. Many other fertilizers are high in chlorine, which, under certain conditions, can seriously injure young tobacco seedlings. Two grades of plant bed fertilizer, 4-9-4 and 6-12-4, are recommended in Virginia. Use from one to two pounds of 4-9-3 per square yard of plant bed. Use 1-3 less of the 6-12-4. Light sandy soils generally need more fertilizer than heavier soils. One pound per square yard is about right if cyanamid was used in the fall to control weeds.

Young plants are often killed or stunted because the fertilizer wasn't uniformly distributed on the soil. You'll get a better distribution if you divide the fertilizer in two parts and apply it in two directions.

Seed in February. After the fertilizer has been worked into the soil one to two inches deep, harrow or rake the bed until it is smooth and level. If cyanamid was used, be sure you stir the soil no deeper than one to two inches. Low places in the bed seed will cause "puddling" of seed and fertilizer. Use one level tablespoon of seed for each 100 square yards of bed. Seed is better distributed if it is mixed with a few pounds of fertilizer and sown in two directions. After seeding, firm the soil by tramping or rolling. A thin mulch of sawdust or clean straw will help conserve moisture and keep the soil from crusting.

Failure to provide water at critical times is one of the weakest points in the plant-production program on many farms. Check the plant bed often. One of the most important times to water beds is when seed are germinating. A dry bed at this time will mean loss of many seedlings.

Avoid using water from ponds or streams in areas where black shank is known to be present.

Governor Lausche, of Ohio, a Democrat in his fifth term as Governor, has announced he would seek the United States Senate seat held by George Bender, a Republican.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEEKS EDUCATION FUND

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Announcement of this major effort on the part of the 800,000-member Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern), was made here today by the denomination's Division of Higher Education, after compiling separate college, synod and presbytery drives now under way or planned. Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, secretary of the division, stated that the 1956 year of emphasis and these capital gift drives, "will seek to call Presbyterians' attention to their heritage of leadership in American higher education which includes the establishment of many of the very earliest American universities, and of 49 out of 182 permanent colleges founded in this country prior to 1860."

In addition to the $37,334,750 being sought through current or projected campaigns, the church will continue its regular support to its colleges, amounting to an average of $1,150,000 annually. This will provide an estimated $3,450,000 through 1958 for current expense expenditures.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

A new type of "total push" program in Veterans Administration hospitals is opening the doors of closed wards for many long-term mentally ill patients, VA announced.

Successfully tested at the VA general medical and surgical hospital in Albany, N. Y., the program represents one of the first comprehensive attempts to recondition selected long-term psychiatric patients from closed ward status in neuropsychiatric hospitals to open ward satus in general medical and surgical hospitals.

The patients generally selected for the treatment are those who have both mental and physical disabilities and who have shown little change in their mental condition after many years of treatment in neuropsychiatric (NP) hospitals.

The objective in transferring them to general medical and surgical (GM&S) hospitals is to provide more intensive treatment and rehabilitation for their physical disabilities, and, at the same time, to apply "total push" measures in reconditioning them for greater freedom and independence in the hospital and community.

VA explained that this not only frees beds in NP hospitals for those on the waiting list who need extensive psychiatric treatment, it also benefits the long-term mental patients with physical disabilities because of their transfer to a different type hospital where the major patient load is non-mental and where treatment primarily is oriented toward physical disabilities.

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